



St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

“Seeking Growth Together”

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Governor Update

The health, safety and well-being of our children is paramount, so, with the support of our PTA and our local ward councillor, Cllr David Collett, we have purchased these road safety bollard covers. Road safety is everyone's responsibility and I would ask that you park safely and considerately when coming to school, to ensure the safety of our children. These covers were suggested by our parent group, and I am pleased we have been able to obtain them.

Cathy Butterworth

Chair of Governors



Yr 6 London Visit 2017

Our visit to London is always crammed full of exciting experiences. We have started to make bookings for the Harry Potter tour and a West End Show. We have to book these in advance so that the children don't miss out. We rely on instalments being paid on time so that we can secure the bookings. The third instalment of £50 is now due. We appreciate your cooperation in making the trip a success. Thanks.



Yr 5 Visit to Hothersall Lodge

In April, our Yr 5 children will be visiting Hothersall Lodge in the Ribble Valley. This will be a great experience for all the children as they will get chance to take part in lots of outdoor activities. The third instalment for this trip is now due. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping the payment deadlines as we rely on this to make the necessary bookings. Thanks.



THANK YOU!

Special thanks to Hannah, Olivia, Lara and Bella who raised an amazing £137 for CAFOD over the Christmas period. They have done an amazing job and we are very proud of them all.

St John Vianney Nursery School

We still have limited places left in our nursery for Monday to Wednesday only.

We are now taking bookings for September 2017. Booking forms are available from the office.

Staffing Update

We are very happy to welcome back Mr Horton and Mrs Blyth from their operations. Mr Horton is back with Year 5 on a phased return until he is fully recovered.

Congratulations to Miss Notman who has secured a teaching job at another school. She will continue with us until the end of January—we will be sad to see her go.

We are also saying goodbye to Miss Moriaty and wish her all the best for her next venture.

Mrs Acton has now finished her treatment and will continue her recuperation at home. Mrs Evans will continue to teach in Year 3 until her return.

Uniform changes

A letter will shortly be coming home regarding a slight change to our school uniform.

Following DfE guidelines, we have decided to introduce the same P.E. kit for boys and girls. The new P.E. kit will consist of a green t-shirt and black shorts.

As we were making these changes, we took the opportunity to improve on some items of our current school uniform. You will notice that our logo will now be embroidered—this should stop issues with peeling and worn badges making the whole appearance smarter.

We have also tweaked our nursery logo so that it matches the school.

Full details will follow and we hope that you all notice the improvement in quality. As always, we welcome any comments you may have.



Schools Alive— Wednesday 8th February

Some of our children are performing at the Grand Theatre for the Schools Alive event in February. The show is always a sell out so we encourage you to book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets cost £8 and are available from The Grand Theatre.



Valentine's Disco and Own Clothes Day

The PTA will host a Valentine's Disco on Thursday 9th February.

Year 1,2, and 3—3:20pm-4:20pm. Tickets must be bought in advance from the school office and will cost £3.00. (£1 for own clothes that day if your child is not going to the disco).

Year 4,5 and 6—4:30pm-5:30pm. £1 for own clothes day and £2 charge for entrance to the disco (payable on the door).

There will be a Valentine's Craft Area at both discos if children want a break from dancing!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Whole school activities

Schools Alive - Wednesday 8th February

Valentines Disco (3:30pm—4:30pm K & KS1) (4:45pm—6pm— KS2)& Red Non-Uniform Day - 9th February

Scholastic Book Fair—Wednesday 8th March

Year group activities

Years 1 to 6 - Google Expedition - Friday 27th January

Year 2 visit to Madame Tussauds - Wednesday 8th February morning

Year 3 visit to The Tempest—Thursday 2nd March

4W Class assembly - Friday 3rd February @ 9.00am and 9.30am

3A Class assembly—Friday 10th March @ 9:00 am and 9:30am

3K Class assembly—Friday 24th March @ 9:00am and 9:30am

Year 5 Residential Visit to Hothersall Lodge—Monday 3rd April—Wednesday 5th April

2W Class assembly—Friday 7th April @ 9:00am and 9:30am

Parent workshop dates

Year 2 – Parent workshop - 3rd February at 2pm

Year 3 – Parent workshop - 7th February at 2pm

School closes for half term on Thursday 9th February at normal time and returns on Tuesday 21st February.

Friday 10th February and Monday 20th February are staff INSET days.